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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: BOX PCT  
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Dear Sir:

Preliminary to the initial Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Applicants claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application No. 199 28 448.2 filed on 23 JUNE 1999. Applicants also claim priority under 35 U.S.C. §120 of PCT/DE00/01623 filed on 19 MAY 2000. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English.--

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph, and replace with the following: